



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	Winter Weather Event
<b>Date</b>	March 4, 2015
<b>Time</b>	1200
<b>Operational Period</b>	March 4, 2015
<b>Report Number</b>	#2

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	Regions 1, 4, 5 and 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

### **STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:**

A strong cold front is expected to approach the region from the north this evening as a strong upper level trough moves over the northern United States from Canada. Showers and thunderstorms are possible beginning in northern and northeastern Texas tonight, then as the front moves across Texas Wednesday, the showers and thunderstorms will continue along and ahead of the front into east central Texas. Behind the front, light precipitation will be developing Wednesday. With the cold air moving in, a mixture of wintry precipitation is possible over north and central Texas through Wednesday night. The upper level storm is forecast to move east of the region by mid-day Thursday, and cold, dry air is forecast to move in. Thus most of the precipitation will end during the day Thursday. A final round of light precipitation is expected in south Texas on Thursday and Thursday night before dry weather sets in.

In response to these potential winter weather conditions and in order to provide a coordinated, rapid, and effective response to any requests for assistance, State Operations Center increased its activation level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) effective at 10 a.m on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Texas Military Forces (TMF), Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol (TXDPS THP), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) reported to the State Operations Center in order to support any needed response.

Disaster District personnel, to include Regional State Coordinators in Regions 1, 4, 5, and 6 continue to monitor this developing winter weather situation and remain in contact with their respective local jurisdictions.



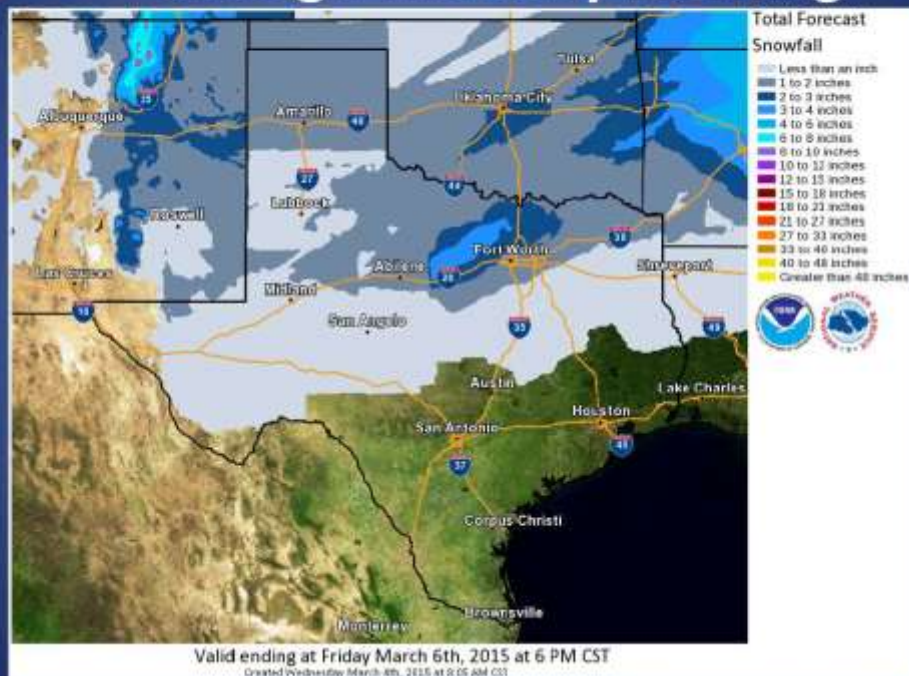
## Wednesday Late Afternoon/ Evening



- Snow continues over the Panhandle
- Sleet/freezing rain/snow mix spreads into Midland/Odessa, San Angelo, DFW, and northeast TX



## Total Snow/Sleet Forecast through Thursday morning







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RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC):** PUC reports no significant power outages due to weather.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is monitoring weather conditions and standing by to assist.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** District Coordinators in impacted and potentially impacted areas are coordinating with volunteer agencies, local government agencies and also assisting with coordination of winter weather conference calls.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT crews are on standby-by for deployment to affected areas. TxDOT continues monitoring the weather. For additional information on highway conditions, please log in to <http://www.drivetexas.org>.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Personnel are supporting their local DDCs in the affected regions. TPWD is standing by and monitoring the weather.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS provided four all-wheel-drive maintainers in support of TxDOT operations in DDC 7 Abilene.

**Texas Military Forces (TMF):** TMF has sent out warning orders to units in the impacted area and is standing by and monitoring the weather

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) conducted a winter weather conference call with selected state emergency management council agencies and National Weather Service Offices this morning, March 4, 2015. The next conference call will occur at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is monitoring the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed. The SOC is at Activation Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

Level I (Emergency Conditions)  
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)  
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)  
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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